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FOLLOWINGIS TEXT OF STATEMENT BY NATO PRESS SPOKESMAN RELEASED AT APPROXIMATELY 1100 GMT ON JULY 22:
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BEGIN TEXT:

THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL HAS THROUGHOUT THE CRISIS FOLLOWED CLOSELY DEVELOPMENTS IN CYPRUS AND IN GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS. THERE WAS A MEETING LAST EVENING ENDING TOWARDS MIDNIGHT AT WHICH THE IMPORTANCE OF REACHING A CEASE-FIRE AS WELL AS TWO MESSAGES WERE DISCUSSED THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAD ADDRESSED OVER THE WEEKEND TO THE GREEK AND TURKISH GOVERNMENTS. THIS MORNING, THE COUNCIL MET AGAIN AND APPROVED A FURTHER APPEAL THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAD MADE AFTER THE NIGHT-MEETING OF THE COUNCIL TO THE TWO GOVERNMENTS URGING A CEASE-FIRE AT 14.00 GMT. THE MESSAGE READS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN INNER-QUOTE:

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AGAIN DISCUSSED THE DEEPENING CRISIS OVER CYPRUS. THERE WAS BROAD, AND I MAY SAY UNANIMOUS, SUPPORT FOR A CEASE FIRE TO END THIS TRAGIC CONFLICT WHICH HAS BROUGHT TWO NATO ALLIES TO THE VERY BRINK OF WAR. IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE CURRENT SITUATION IS THREATENING THE EXISTENCE OF THE ALLIANCE AND THAT THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS CANNOT BE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE.

I HAVE WRITTEN TO YOU THREE TIMES BEFORE ON THIS URGENT MATTER BUT I MUST NOW, ON THE BASIS OF THE MOST RECENT MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL, RENEW MY APPEAL TO YOU TO DO ALL YOU CAN TO BRING AN END TO THIS FIGHTING.

I AM AWARE THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS REQUESTED YOUR GOVERNMENT TO INSTITUTE A CEASE FIRE AT 1400 GMT ON JULY 22. HAVING HEARD THE VIEWS OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, EXPRESSED REPEATEDLY DURING THIS CRISIS, I AM NOW, AS SECRETARY GENERAL AND ON BEHALF OF THE ALLIANCE, FULLY ENDORSING THE REQUEST THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT AGREE TO AND OBSERVE A CEASE FIRE AT 1400 GMT ON JULY 22.

I AM SENDING A PARALLEL MESSAGE TO THE HELLENIC/TURKISH GOVERNMENTS. END INNER-QUOTE.

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GENERAL SATISFACTION WAS EXPRESSED THAT THE GREEK AND TURKISH GOVERNMENTS HAVE NOW AGREED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CEASE-FIRE. THERE WAS ALSO BROAD EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT AN EFFECTIVE CEASE-FIRE WILL LEAD TO PROMPT AND SUCCESSFUL DISCUSSIONS IN OORDER TO RESTORE PEACE, STABILITY AND CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER IN THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS. END TEXT.RUMSFELD

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